



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: HW-113

Ken Back  
Washington Department of Community Development  
Ninth and Columbia Building, GH-51  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Mr. Back:

This letter is to notify you of a proposed Superfund project to be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This project is subject to the state intergovernmental review process. The 60-day comment period on this proposed action will begin five days after the date this letter is sent. Please address any comments on the proposed action to the EPA Project Officer listed below. The project is outlined below:

1. Site Name: American Crossarm and Conduit
2. Location of Site: Chehalis, Washington
3. Site Rank: This site is proposed on the 7th update of the National Priorities List (40 CFR Part 300, Appendix B) established by EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510 - CERCLA), as amended.
4. Nature of the Problem: American Crossarm was a facility which primarily treated and sold utility pole crossarms.

A 1986 flood of the Chehalis River caused a release of wood-treating chemicals from the former facility. EPA began an emergency removal and cleanup of the chemical contamination, and is presently proceeding with incineration of the most highly contaminated soils and the materials stored on site that were contaminated during the flood.

EPA is concerned about potential drinking water contamination and potential impacts on the Chehalis River.

5. Description of Proposed Activities: This project will consist of a Remedial Investigation and a Feasibility Study (RI/FS) meeting the requirements of Section 300.68 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (40 CFR Part 300). This will include, as appropriate, definition of the nature and extent of the problem at the site, characterization of the hazardous wastes present, a hydrogeological investigation, a soils and sediments investigation, a surface water investigation, the development of remedial response objectives, the identification of remedial action alternatives, evaluation and environmental assessment of the alternatives, cost analyses, recommendation of a cost-effective remedial alternative, conceptual design of the proposed alternative, and community relations activities.

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6. Community Relations Activities: Community relations activities will be conducted as part of this project to inform and receive input from public officials and the affected community. These will include preparing a community relations plan, distributing press releases, establishing a community relations repository, and conducting other activities as appropriate.

7. Estimated Cost: \$750,000

8. Projected Start Date: 2nd Quarter of FY 1989

9. Projected Completion Date for RI/FS: Approximately 18 months from start date

10. State Project Officer: Mike Blum  
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11. EPA Project Officer: Lee Marshall  
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As indicated above, you will have 60 days after receipt of this letter to submit your comments. We would appreciate receiving an acknowledgment that the process has been completed even if there are no comments. Lee Marshall is available to assist you in any way during your review and can be reached at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn M. Davidson*  
Kathryn M. Davidson, Chief  
Superfund Program Management Section

cc: Lee Marshall, EPA✓  
Mike Blum, Ecology